

Market Shopper Pulls Gun, Demands Cash

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WINNER CONGRATULATED . . . Stanley L. Dunn (right), named Friday night as Torrance's Distinguished Citizen as a climax to the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, is here congratulated by President Bruce Jones who made the presentation. Dunn was cited as "a giant of goodness" by one of the nominators. He is past president of the Riviera Homeowners and active in a score of community projects. (Press-Herald Photo)

Rivieran Named City's Distinguished Citizen

Costly Testing Equipment, Two Poodles Stolen

Thieves broke into two parked cars Friday, getting away with more than \$1,000 worth of automotive testing equipment and two poodles valued at \$300.

The automotive equipment, which belonged to Roland E. Wechsler of 5105 Zelon Road, was taken from the trunk of a car parked at 2319 Arlington Ave., police said. The car belongs to Wechsler's brother, Warren Wechsler of Redondo Beach.

Police investigating the burglary said the thief apparently took the keys to the car from the ignition switch, opened the trunk, and removed the automotive equipment.

Warren Wechsler said he was working in the garage at the time of the theft.

THE POODLES, a female named "Suzzie" and a male named "Tiny," were left by Mrs. June F. Bennett of Los Angeles in her car at the Del Amo Center. Someone opened the car, which was not locked at the time, while Mrs. Bennett was shopping.

The poodles, both silver, stand about 15 inches high, Mrs. Bennett said. They are valued at \$300.

In two other thefts from automobiles, burglars got away with two bucket seats, a battery, and two magnesium wheels.

THE BUCKET seats and battery were taken from a car at Ted Green Chevrolet, 20725 Hawthorne Blvd., Thursday evening. They were valued at \$253.

The magnesium wheels and two tires were removed from a car belonging to Earl E. Harris, 3101 Opal St., early Friday. Harris said his car was parked in front of his home. He valued the wheels at \$150.

A shoplifter took a \$78 .38-caliber revolver from a downtown Torrance shop, according to owner Ben Smith. Smith said the revolver was in a display case in his store.

Trustees Plan Stanford Trip

Representing Torrance Unified School District at the 1966 Cubberley Conference at Stanford University July 27 through 28 will be Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and Dr. Kurt Shery and Mrs. Kenneth Watts of the Board of Education.

Conference study topic will be the American school board. Decision-making processes and functions of school boards will be examined.

Police Hunt For Suspect In Stabbing

A Torrance man stabbed in the back early yesterday was reported in satisfactory condition following emergency surgery at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Lawrence Upvegrove, 4021 W. 242nd St., was rushed to the hospital about 6 a.m. yesterday in critical condition.

Police had few details about the stabbing, but Sgt. Charles Oates told the Press-Herald the Upvegrove apartment "showed signs of a violent struggle." Officers said they had not been able to talk with the victim because of his condition.

'Browser' Gets Cash At Market

A man who was just "browsing" in a Lomita store late Thursday night pulled a .38 or .32 caliber pistol and browsed out with an estimated \$300 in cash.

Police reported that witnesses described the man as about 28 years old. The robbery was committed at a market at 26626 S. Western Ave. at about 9:45 p.m.

As he walked up to a checkstand and began to exit, he pulled the pistol and said, "This is a holdup. Give me all the money in the drawer."

After handing a clerk a paper bag and demanding that he put all the money into it, he strolled over to another checkstand and delivered the same order to another clerk, but left the store when the clerk told him he didn't have any cash.

Heart Attack Blamed for Man's Death

An apparent heart attack claimed the life of Theodosia Lagazo, 65, of 3410 Artesia Blvd., early Friday morning.

Torrance police, called to the North Torrance apartment building by Eva Edie, said Lagazo was discovered on the kitchen floor. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The body was removed to Stone and Myers pending a coroner's investigation.

Report Card Burned, Left In Classroom

Vandals burned a report card at Seaside Elementary School late Thursday or early Friday after breaking into one of the classrooms at the school.

Police said a window had been broken in the classroom. A report card was burned and left on the teacher's desk, but no other damage was reported. Nothing was taken, officers said.

Stanley Dunn Wins Coveted Civic Honors

Stanley L. Dunn, 38-year-old past president of the Riviera Homeowners and active in a score of community projects is the new Distinguished Citizen of Torrance and now has one-year custody of the huge Laughon Whyte perpetual trophy for the distinction.

Dunn was announced as the winner of the city's outstanding award at the climax of the annual Chamber of Commerce installation and award banquet Friday night. He received the trophy from Chamber President Bruce Jones.

The award was made to Dunn in recognition of his dedicated community and civic efforts, Jones said.

In accepting the award, Dunn modestly said he could think of many others who deserved the recognition more.

STANDING beside the large trophy, Dunn told the packed banquet hall that he had just returned from Sacramento after making his 15th trip there as a representative of Redondo Union High School where he was class valedictorian in 1945.

Announcement of Dunn's selection followed installation of new officers for the Chamber of Commerce for the year beginning July 1, and the presentation of nine architectural and five special awards.

Don H. Hyde, director of personnel services for U. S. Steel, was installed as president to succeed Bruce Jones of Bank of America. Former Gov. Goodwin J. Knight was installing officer.

OTHERS installed with Hyde were attorney Larry Bowman, first vice president; George M. Ebert, assistant administrator Little Company of Mary Hospital, second vice

president; and Leonard A. Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, treasurer. J. Walker Owens is secretary and manager.

Architectural awards were given to Allstate Insurance Co., Harbor Animal Hospital, Temcor, Thomasian Building, Bill Hopkins Lincoln - Mercury, Union Oil Co., the Queen's Kitchen, the Torrance Family YMCA, and the Los Angeles County Probation Department Building. Architect William Burchfield presented the awards.

SPECIAL awards were presented to Mrs. Clara A. Conner, who retired recently as postmaster; Mrs. Margaret H. Clark, who has headed the Rose Parade float decoration committee for several years; to the Hi-Shear Corp. for its "Vendor of the Year" honors; to the Magnavox research Laboratories for its continued growth and contributions to the community; and to Maurice D. Schwartz, president and chairman of the board for Pacific Smelting, who received the Philadelphia Metals Association's "Phoenix Award" which is awarded to the single person who has made the greatest contribution to the primary and secondary metal industries during the period judged.

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Suspect Surrenders - - -

A Wilmington man being sought for questioning in connection with the shooting of Alfred J. Fimbres of 1148 Eubank Ave., Wilmington, surrendered Friday to Los Angeles police at the Harbor Division. Phillip E. Taylor, 1011 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., was booked on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder. Two other suspects are being sought. Fimbres, who was shot Thursday evening while standing at McDonald Avenue and Anaheim Street, is reported in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital.

Court Dedication Set - - -

Dedication ceremonies for the new Southwest Superior Courts Building at the Torrance Civic Center have been scheduled for late next spring, Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace announced yesterday. Four area bar associations will assist in the planning of dedication ceremonies, Chace said.

Redondo Chamber Votes - - -

Corwin H. Eberting Jr., a Redondo Beach architect, has been elected president of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce. Eberting, first vice-president of the Chamber for the past year, will succeed Carl L. Rogers. Other officers are James Scoufos, first vice-president; James B. Wood, second vice-president, and Fabian Abram, re-elected treasurer.

Adoption of City Budget Exected Tuesday Night

Formal adoption of a \$12.5 million city budget for 1966-67 is expected Tuesday evening when the Torrance City Council convenes for an 8 o'clock meeting.

Councilmen will begin their work at 7:15 p.m. during a pre-council meeting called to discuss a Youth Welfare Commission study for a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Clinic in Torrance.

The formal session will begin at 8 p.m. with the second and final public hearing on the proposed city budget. During an informal budget

session last week, councilmen agreed to reduce the proposed budget by \$158,000 and indicated they would approve a reduction in property taxes of two cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Revenues would be increased, however, by doubling the present city cigarette tax and by increasing business license fees by 25 per cent. If the revenue measures win approval Tuesday, the new tax on cigarettes will be four cents per pack, while basic business license fees will be increased from \$28 to \$32 per

year. In addition, the \$2 fee for each employe would be raised to \$4.

The council also will be asked to increase rates charged by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Under a proposed plan submitted by the council's Bus Committee, the basic fare will be hiked to 25 cents. An additional 10 cents will be charged for each zone which is crossed.

Dial 'H' for Harris— He's the New 'Top Doc'

Dr. James L. Harris, brilliant 26-year-old intern, was named outstanding intern of the 1965-66 graduating class at Los Angeles Harbor General Hospital in Carson.

Harris won the honor from among 42 interns who received certificates and diplomas attesting to their competence

to enter private practices or residencies.

He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and his medical degree from the University of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1965.

He won top honors in chemistry, was a Phi Beta Kappa student, managing editor of a college publication, and a member of the College Tutor Society.

Harris and his wife, Lisa, also of Philadelphia, live at 21724 S. Western Ave.

The announcement of the winning intern came at the conclusion of the annual ceremonies.

Students To Delay Vacations

Nearly 50 per cent of Torrance's 30,000 students have decided to delay their summer vacations until August.

That was the report issued by the Torrance Unified School District yesterday, when it was announced that 15,621 students attended classes last Monday — the first day of the six-week summer school session.

That's an increase of 12 per cent over the 13,513 reported for the first day in 1965.

School officials reported 11,018 students reported for summer classes in the elementary schools, while 4,576 showed up at the city's four high schools.

French Airline Orders Planes

An order for two Super 62F DC-8 jetliners has been placed by the independent French airline, Union de Transports Aeriens, the Douglas Aircraft Division has announced.

The order, valued at \$18 million, is for a convertible passenger-cargo version of the ultra-long range model of the Douglas DC-8 transport, scheduled to be unveiled Tuesday.



SWING TO SUMMER . . . Andy MacArthur and Pam Franke, both members of South High's 1966 graduating class, take advantage of the sun to show how the arrival of summer should be greeted. With school in its summer hiatus, and the sun growing stronger, the beach areas have been turned into the "in" places for the sun worshipers. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)